gized as soon as the consumers demand. Another 272 connections for which estimates have been sent to the consumers could be energized as soon as the consumers pay the cost of the connection.

(c) The main reasons responsible for the poor response may be as under:—

(i) Reluctance of consumer with L. P. Gas cylinders to switch over to a new source of gas supply.

(ii) Initial expenditure required for taking piped gas connection which could vary from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1500 or more. In addition the existing gas burners has to be replaced by a new one to suit the bio-gas.

(iii) 'Wait and See' attitude of the consumers in respect of any new system.

(d) About 3 to 4 lac cubic feet of gas is at present surplus. This will be consumed as soon as the new areas are energized and the number of gas connections increases.

Discussion on the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 1982

1236. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to protect the interests of small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, whether any provision to this effect has been made in the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 1982; and

(c) the time by when the Bill is likely to be discussed in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARI NATH MISRA): (a) to (c) Acquisition of land for public purposes or purposes which serve one way or the other the interest of the community, often necessitates acquisition of a block of land irrespective of who owns it. However, the State Governments have been advised that as far as possible, acquisition of good agricultural land should be avoided and that where acquisition of such land is unavoidable, only the minimum necessary land should be acquired.

Having regard to the above, the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill, 1982 did not make any specific provision about land that belongs to small and marginal farmers. This bill is proposed to be withdrawn and a fresh bill introduced during the current session of Parliament.

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1237. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान हरियाणा में इलेक्ट्रिकल कन्स्ट्रक्शन इक्विपमट कम्पनी द्वारा कितना उत्पादन किया गया ;

(ख) किन-किन उत्पादों का उत्पादन क्षमता से कम हुआ और किन-किन का क्षमता से अधिक उत्पादन हुआ ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कम्पनी बिना किसी लाइसेंस के उत्पादन कर रही है और यदि हां, तो कब से और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पट्टाभि रामा राव) : (क) से (ग) सोनीपत (हरियाणा) में स्थित कम्पनी के एकक के सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरे विवरण में दिये गये हैं । इस एकक में बिना औद्योगिक लाईसेन्स किसी भी वस्तु के निर्मित किए जाने के बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।